

THE VVFC NEWS ALERT BACKPAGE JUNE/JULY 2006



2ND DOSE OF VARICELLA BASED ON ACIP RECOMMENDATIONS

On June 29, 2006, ACIP created a revised VFC resolution recommending administration of a second dose of varicella. The first dose should be administered at 12-15 months of age followed by a second dose at 4-6 years of age. If the patient is less than 13 years of age at the first dose, the second dose should be administered 3 months later. If the patient is 13 years of age or older at the first dose, the second dose should be administered 4 weeks later. MMRV should not be administered except when both MMR and varicella are indicated.

MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE

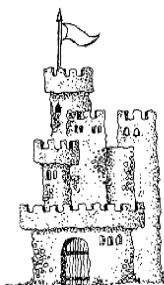
Sanofi Pasteur is predicting that the demand will exceed the supply of Menactra (MCV4) at least through the summer of 2006. It continues to be recommended that adolescents at high school entry who have not previously received MCV4 should be vaccinated. *However, until further notice, administration of MCV4 to 11-12 year olds should be deferred.* Deferred doses should be tracked and patients should be recalled when the supply improves. Other high risk patients should continue to be vaccinated (see www.cdc.gov for more details)

OUT WITH THE OLD... IN WITH THE NEW!

- Beginning July 1, 2006: new school immunization requirements (pneumococcal, Tdap, Hib, and hepatitis B). These changes bring updates to a few VVFC forms such as the Vaccine Use Guidelines for public facilities.
- New vaccines such as 2006-07 influenza and rotavirus. New vaccines add more spaces to the Vaccine Administration and Screening Form. VFC does plan on offering the new **human papillomavirus vaccine in late September/early October.**
- Several new VIS's have been developed or updated.
- Please recycle the old forms and replace them with the following new forms:



- *Vaccine Use Guidelines (public facilities only)
- *Vaccine Administration and Screening Form
- *Vaccine Return Form
- *Tdap VIS
- *Injectable influenza VIS
- *Oral influenza VIS



INFLUENZA VACCINE

Influenza orders were due April 14th this year and all orders received before the deadline have been reviewed. This is just a reminder that limits were placed on every order according to the facility's patient enrollment. **Facilities are not guaranteed both TIV and LAIV vaccine.** LAIV can only be given to VVFC patients, age 5-18, who are household contacts of high risk patients. Shipments will begin once stock is received from the manufacturer, which will be sometime around early October. VIS statements are included with this mailing and must be handed out with each influenza administration.



VVFC AWARDS

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Family Care Center Pediatrics, Galax
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Farrell Pediatrics, South Riding
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Suffolk Pediatrics, Suffolk
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(Immunization rates exceed 90% using CoCASA software)

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